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Title: CUBE CORNER CAVITY BASED RETROREFLECTORS WITH  
TRANSPARENT FILL MATERIAL

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2)  
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under  
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The issue fee for this case was paid on February 5, 2004.

**REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of an  
Information Disclosure Statement in a Request for Continued Examination.

**FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via  
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Please charge the petition fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(h), and if necessary, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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